

DOCKET NO: 207187US2



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 3653"

HA
19/B
NE
6.29.04
FOOK

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
SAKAE ISHIKAWA ET AL. : EXAMINER: BUTLER, M.
SERIAL NO: 09/848,764 :
FILED: MAY 4, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3653
FOR: METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING RACK OPERATION, METHOD
OF AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING MULTISTAGE RACK, ARTICLE
CONVEYANCE AND STORAGE DEVICE, AND COMPUTER PRODUCT

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 25, 2004, please amend the above-
identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.

RECEIVED
JUN 1 2004
GROUP 3600

Docket No. 207187US2

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Sakae ISHIKAWA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/848,764

FILED: May 4, 2001

FOR: METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING RACK OPERATION, METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING MULTISTAGE RACK, ARTICLE CONVEYANCE AND STORAGE DEVICE, AND COMPUTER PRODUCT



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 3653"

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required

☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.

☐ Additional documents filed herewith:

RECEIVED

JUN 1 2004

GROUP 3600

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL	70	MINUS	71	0	x \$18 =	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	8	MINUS	8	0	x \$86 =	\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$290 =	\$0.00
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity				\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Recordation of Assignment			+ \$40 =	\$0.00
		TOTAL				\$0.00

☐ A check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached.

☐ Credit card payment form is attached to cover the fees in the amount of \$0.00

☒ Please charge any additional Fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Edwin D. Garlepp

Gregory J. Maier

Registration No. 25,559

Customer Number

22850

Tel. (703) 413-3000

Fax. (703) 413-2220

(OSMMN 05/03)

Edwin D. Garlepp

Registration No. 45,330